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SUBJECT:US-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT PRESS RELEASE

1. US-USSR NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES AGREEMENT SCHEDULED FOR
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SIGNING LATE AFTERNOON 18 JULY. TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE
FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND

THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCLUDED ON JULY 18 AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC AREA EXTENDING FROM CALIFORNIA NORTH TO ALASKA. THIS IS THE FIFTH SUCH AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON PACIFIC COAST FISHERIES. THE NEW AGREEMENT COVERS THE PERIOD AUGUST 1 1975 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1976. A 30-DAY NOTICE REOPENING CLAUSE IS PROVIDED, SHOULD THE SITUATION IN THE FISHERIES CHANGE GREATLY DURING THAT PERIOD.

3. UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT THE SOVIET UNION IS REQUIRED TO PLACE ADDITIONAL AND EXTENSIVE RESTRICTIONS ON ITS PACIFIC FISHERY OFF THE UNITED STATES COAST. THESE RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE THE CLOSING-OFF OF LARGE AREAS TO THE SOVIET FLEETS, EITHER ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS OR DURING PERIODS WHEN SOVIET FISHING COULD BE HARMFUL TO STOCKS OF FISH, SUCH AS

HALIBUT, ROCKFISH AND CRABS, THAT ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. FISHERMEN.

4. LIMITATIONS ON SOVIET CATCHES ARE PROVIDED FOR SUCH SPECIES AS POLLOCK, HAKE AND ROCKFISH. THESE CATCH QUOTAS, IN COMBINATION WITH THE EXTENSIVE AREA-TIME CLOSURES, ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE PROTECTION FOR SPECIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO U.S. FISHERMEN.

5. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS RECENT-

LY CONCLUDED BY THE UNITED STATES WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FISHING OFF ITS SHORES, THE NEW AGREEMENT CONTAINS MEASURES TO PREVENT FISHING GEAR CONFLICTS, PROTECT THE SPECIES WHICH INHABIT THE U.S. CONTINENTAL SHELF AND PROVIDE FOR OBSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT'S PROVISIONS. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SPECIES OF JOINT INTEREST ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR.

6. THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE, STATE AGENCIES AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY, WAS HEADED BY AMB. THOMAS A. CLINGAN, JR., DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND FISHERIES AFFAIRS. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS LED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF USSR FISHERIES, VLADIMIR K M. KAMENTSEV. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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